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Senator Janna Taylor, Chair Committee on Local Government

Dear Senator Taylor,

I am writing this letter to ask you and the Local Government Committee to please support SB294. As an Administrator in the Teton County Hospital District, it is crucial that small rural hospitals be given 30 years to finance building renovations and major equipment purchases. We are struggling financially at our facility and will need the ability to finance debt service for longer periods of time in the future. Our small rural hospital is the economic engine for Teton County and provides many good paying jobs for our rural area. The health of our community rests upon the ability to stay financially solvent and SB294 will go a long way in helping us. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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